மாண்புமிகு பேரவைத் துணைத் தலைவர் : வினாக்கள்-விடைகள் முடிவுற்றன.

குறிப்பு : ஓர் உரையின் தொடக்கத்தில் வெள்ளிக் குறி * இடப்பட்டிருந்தால் அவ்வுரை உறுப்பினரால் சரிபார்க்கப்பட்டது என்பதைக் குறிக்கும்.

2. அறிவிப்பு

பேரவை உறுப்பினர் திரு எஸ். எம். துரைராஜ் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டது குறித்து

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following telegram dated 21st March 1973 that I have received from the Superintendent of Police, Madurai South—

"Thiru S. M. Durairaj, M.L.A., Tiruvellore, arrested to-day at 11·50 a.m at Madurai was released to-day at 6-30 p.m. as per Government Orders dropping charges against him".

3. அவையுரிமைப் பிரச்சினை

பேரவையில் முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் டில்லி தமிழ் நாடு இல்லம் பற்றிய வினாவுக்கு கூறிய விடையை தென்னகம் நாழிதழில் திரித்து வெளியிட்டிருப்பது குறித்து

Mr, DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honb'le Members are aware that yesterday Thiru N. Veerasamy, M.L.A. raised a matter of privilege against the Tamil daily "Thennagam" and I had said that I will give my ruling to-day.

Thiru Veerasamy in his notice has contended that the paper had no only distorted certain proceedings of the House, but also has attributed motives to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and has also published certain matters as having taken place in the House even though actually it had not happend, and hence the paper had committed breach of privilege.

All the Hon'ble Members who spoke after Thiru Veerasami were of the opinion that the Press should have freedom of criticism, but it should be a fair criticism. There was difference of opinion as to the fairness of the criticism, but all agreed that the paper could have avoided using the words that were objected to by Thiru Veerasami. What is fair criticism is a matter of opinion, but I am sure Hon'ble Members will agree when I say that when a criticism is in dignified language, does not presume things and attribute motives, it could be taken to be fair.